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## **SMART INVESTMENT LEVERAGES OVER \$36 MILLION IN PRIVATE FUNDS TO NEARLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF SOLAR POWER IN MARYLAND**

*Project Sunburst created more than 80 jobs installing nearly 40,000 US manufactured  
solar panels at state and local government facilities across Maryland*

**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND (April 18, 2011)** – The Maryland Energy Administration today announced that *Project Sunburst*—a forward thinking program that used federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to leverage private investment in clean, renewable energy—has succeeded in nearly doubling the amount of solar energy produced in Maryland compared with this time last year. Maryland's investment of \$9.3 million in federal funds spurred more than \$36 million in private investment, resulting in state and local governments creating more than 80 jobs and installing roughly 40,000 U.S. manufactured solar panels in Maryland.

*Project Sunburst*, which is administered by the Maryland Energy Administration, was designed to enable governments across Maryland to make investments in clean, renewable energy resources with no upfront costs and save taxpayers money by immediately reducing electricity bills at government facilities. Seventeen government entities received funding under the program, which offered grants at a rate of \$1,000 per kilowatt on photovoltaic systems installed on public buildings.

“By making smart investments and leveraging private dollars, Maryland is leading by example in the new innovation economy,” said Malcolm Woolf, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration. “Investing in renewable energy sources is a triple-win for Maryland by creating new green jobs, reducing long term energy bills, and protecting our environment for generations to come.”

*Project Sunburst* has directly led to the addition of 9.3 megawatts of new solar energy generation capacity in Maryland since early 2010 by installing new solar installations at 17 state and local government facilities. These new facilities will generate more than 12,000 megawatt-hours of energy annually: enough to power the equivalent of approximately 1,000 Maryland homes.

The following is a complete list of *Project Sunburst* awardees:

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| <b>Project</b>   | <b>Award Amount</b> | <b>Size (kW)</b> |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| Anne Arundel Community College                         | \$750,000.00        | 750.0            |
| Anne Arundel County Government                         | \$750,000.00        | 750.0            |
| City of Baltimore                                      | \$900,000.00        | 900.0            |
| Coppin State University                                | \$500,000.00        | 500.0            |
| Department of General Services (Architectural Studies) | \$120,000.00        | 0.0              |
| Frederick County Public Schools                        | \$499,330.00        | 499.3            |
| Harford County Public Schools                          | \$752,000.00        | 752.0            |
| MD Aviation Administration at BWI                      | \$500,000.00        | 500.0            |
| MD Port Administration                                 | \$750,000.00        | 750.0            |
| MD Transit Authority                                   | \$500,000.00        | 500.0            |
| NMWDA - Howard County Landfill                         | \$462,000.00        | 462.0            |
| NMWDA - Montgomery County Transfer Station             | \$280,800.00        | 280.8            |
| Prince George County Government                        | \$493,000.00        | 493.0            |
| St. Mary's County Public Schools                       | \$500,000.00        | 500.0            |
| Talbot County Government                               | \$890,000.00        | 890.0            |
| Town of Hancock  | \$104,000.00        | 104.0            |
| University MD at College Park                          | \$630,000.00        | 630.0            |
| Total (17 Awardees)                                    | \$9,381,130.00      | 9261.1           |

For more information, [visit the Maryland Energy Administration](#).

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